

**WASHINGTON (26 Sept.)** -- U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Fla.) voted with nearly three-quarters of his colleagues in the House on Wednesday, to express his support for American service members and their families. Most notable was language recognizing the service of Gen. David Petraeus, commander of Multi-National Force in Iraq, who was recently smeared by the liberal, anti-war advocacy group MoveOn.org.

The controversy stems from two weeks ago, when the New York Times provided MoveOn.org with a hefty discount for a full-page advertisement depicting General David Petraeus as a traitor.

"While our nation's military and their families are risking so much for the freedom and security of this country, anti-war groups are seeking to undermine their credibility to fit their backward political agenda," said Bilirakis shortly after the vote on Wednesday. "I am glad that Republican leadership was able to allow the House of Representatives to make their opinion known on this terrible ad."

The resolution, attached to a stopgap spending measure to fund the federal government through November 16th, was offered under a procedural motion by Republican leadership only after the Democrat majority refused to bring a stand alone version of the bill to the floor for a vote. The Senate had approved a similar measure last week.